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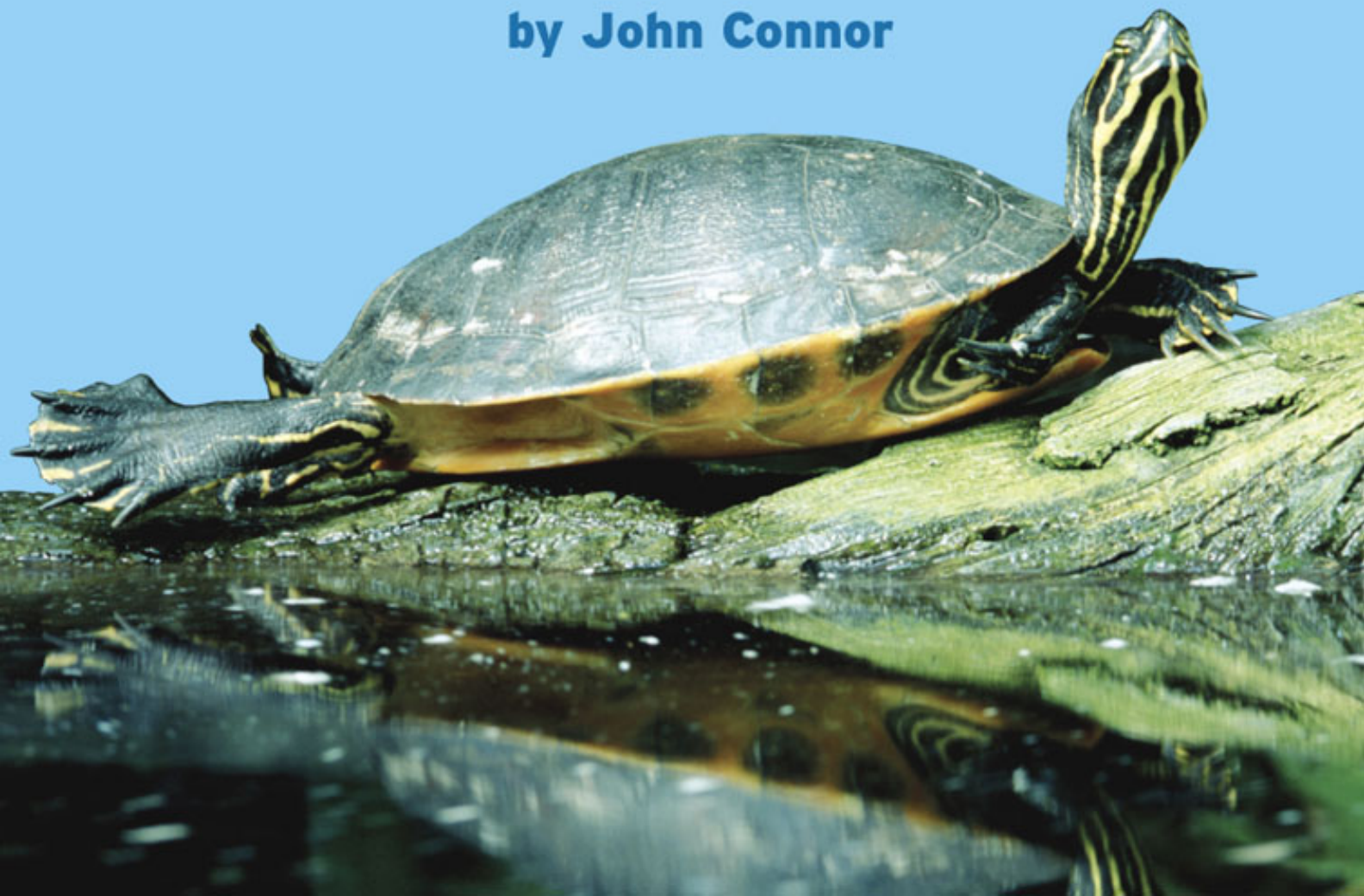
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Strategy Focus

As you read, **monitor** your understanding.
Reread and look at the pictures to **clarify**.



HOUGHTON MIFFLIN

BOSTON

Key Vocabulary

bank the land around a pond,
lake, or river

crater a hole in the ground that
is shaped like a bowl

edge the place where
something ends

moss small, green plants that grow
on the ground, rocks, or trees

path a track on the ground
made by walking on it
a lot; a track made by people

shallow not deep

Word Teaser

Change one of my letters
and I'll help you get clean.
What am I?



This path goes to a pond.

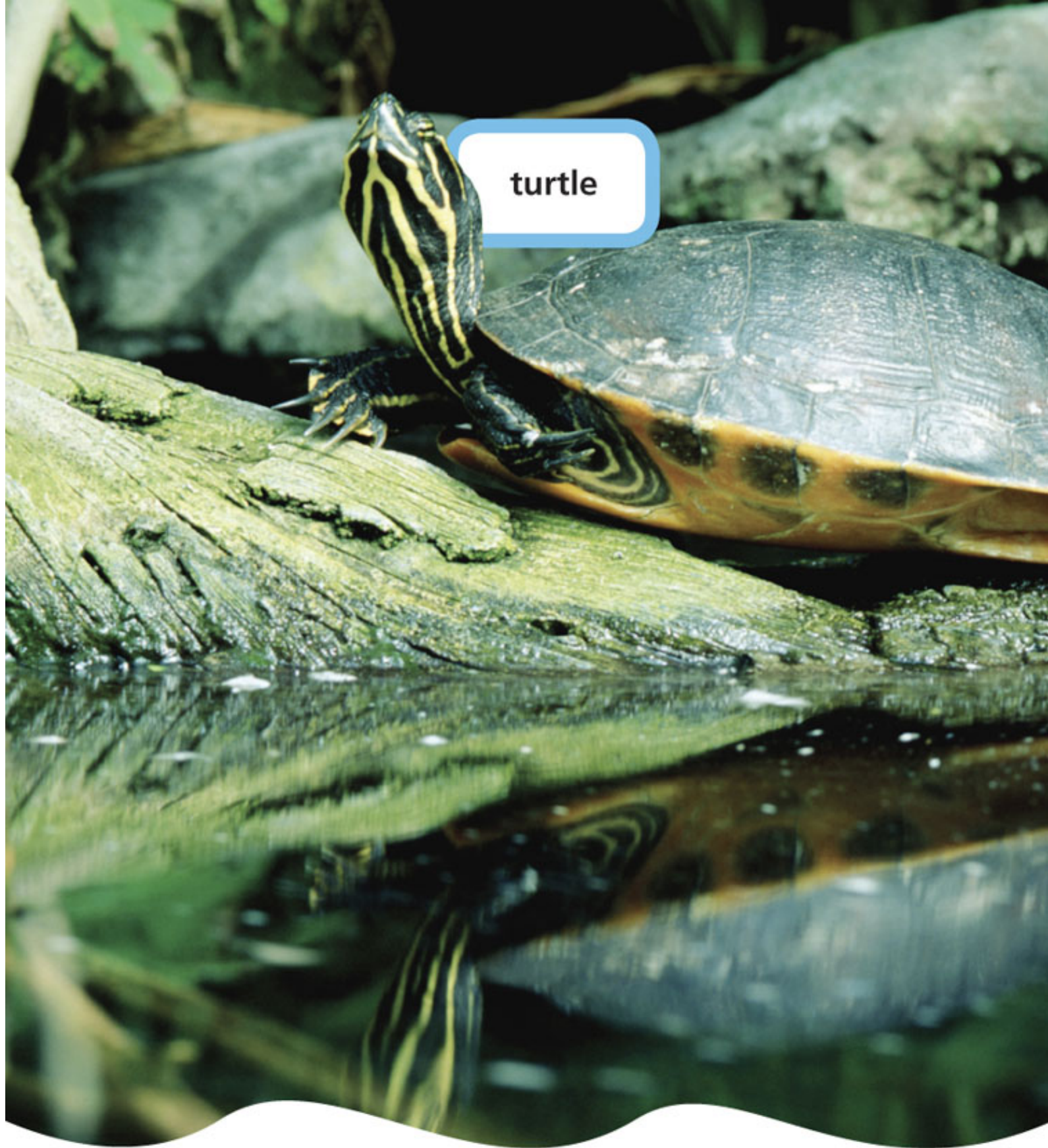


A deer is at the edge of the pond.

The image features a photograph of a pond with green reeds and rocks. A circular inset with a pink border provides a magnified view of moss growing on several grey rocks. Small yellow wildflowers are also visible among the moss. The word "moss" is written in a white rounded rectangle above the inset.

moss

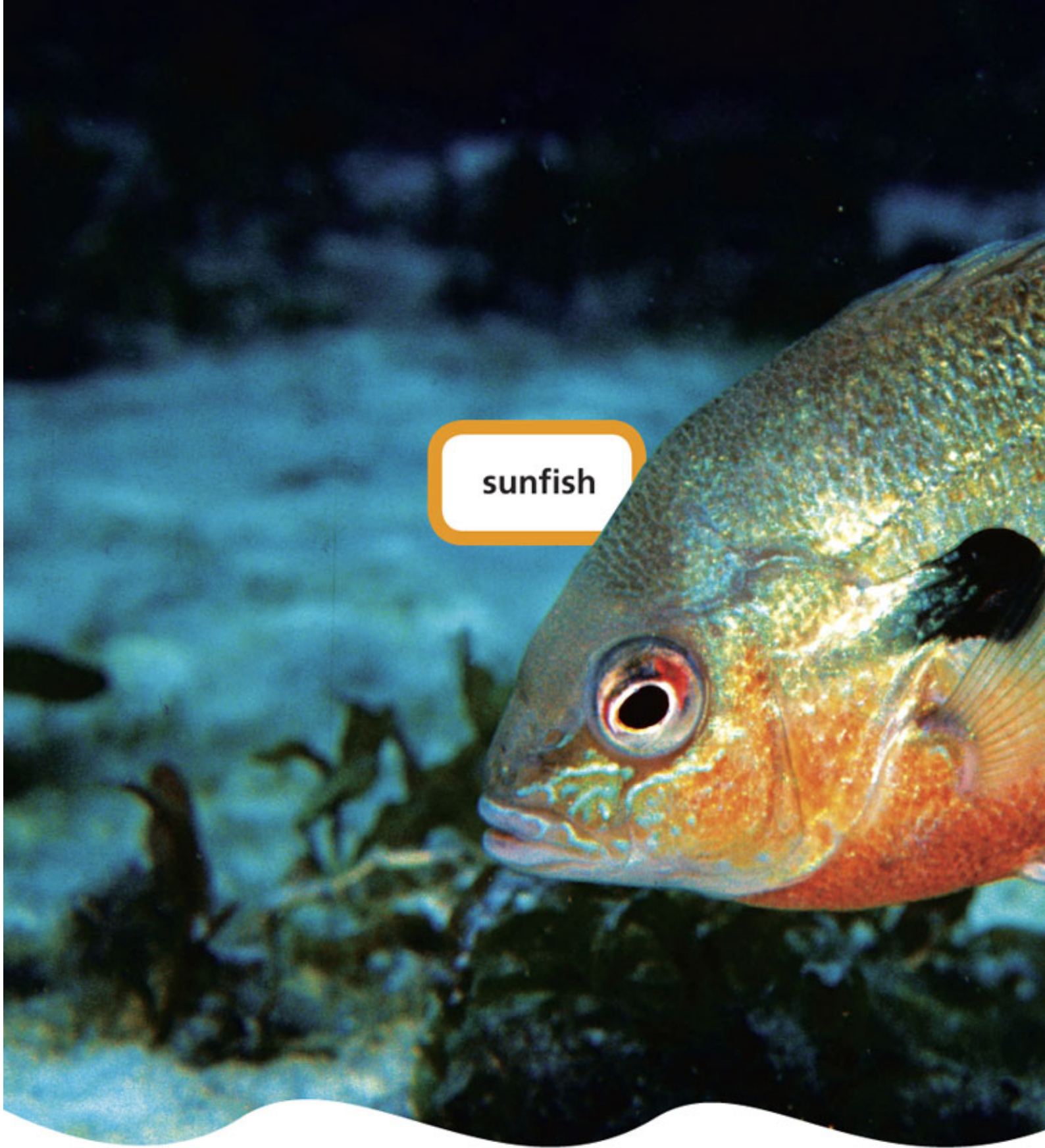
Some moss grows here.



A turtle sits on the **bank** of the pond.



The water is not deep. It is shallow.



A sunfish digs a small crater.



The fish lays its eggs in the crater.

dragonfly



Can you see other animals?

duck



frog



Responding

Putting Words to Work

1. What do you think **moss** feels like?
2. You might find a **path** in _____.
3. How would you make a **crater**?
4. What other things have an **edge**?
5. **PARTNER ACTIVITY:** Choose a word from the book. Explain the word to your partner and give an example.

Answer to Word Teaser

path; change one letter to spell *bath*

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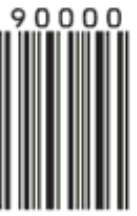
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